

Trusts and Estates

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Brach Eichler's Trusts and Estates Practice provides state-of-the-art estate planning for clients and their families, as well as estate and trust administration. Our clients include individuals, closely held business owners, charities, trustees, executors, and personal representatives.

Our attorneys have deep experience with the most sophisticated estate planning vehicles and routinely deal with complicated issues associated with intergenerational planning. The practice has implemented estate plans involving:

- Family limited partnerships and limited liability companies
- Grantor-retained annuity trusts
- Personal residence trusts
- Qualified personal residence trusts
- Dynasty trusts and other generation-skipping transfers
- Intentionally defective grantor trusts
- Irrevocable life insurance trusts (for individual life coverage as well as second-to-die / survivorship coverage)
- Split dollar life insurance planning
- Charitable remainder and lead trusts
- Private charitable foundations
- Private annuities

- Asset protection trusts
- Special needs planning
- Retirement planning including planning for qualified plans and IRAs
- Financial powers of attorney
- Prenuptial agreements
- Living wills, health care directives, and combined advanced directives

Additionally, the practice represents business owners with business succession planning, preparation of buy-sell agreements, shareholder's agreements, employment agreements, assistance with pension matters, and general tax planning.

Our attorneys are also actively involved in all aspects of the administration of estates and trusts, including sophisticated postmortem tax planning; gift, estate, and inheritance tax return preparation/audit defense; disclaimer planning; and probate court administration. This includes will challenges, will and trust reformation, contested accountings, and fiduciary litigation. The practice, working in conjunction with our Litigation Practice, provides probate litigation attorneys and guardianship petitions. Through our team of experienced attorneys, paralegals, and support staff we handle:

- Planning and preparation of gift, estate, and inheritance tax returns, and fiduciary income tax returns
- Probate court accountings
- Review and analysis of valuation reports
- Working closely with certified public accountants
- Coordination with financial planners
- All other documents required for administering sophisticated estates

Our Promise

At Brach Eichler, we are committed to a dynamic and meaningful partnership with our clients. We move forward with a shared vision, one that is carefully crafted and thoughtfully and practically implemented. Together, we achieve success.

Insights

Awards - July 29, 2025

2025 Chambers High Net Worth Guide Recognizes Brach Eichler Trusts and Estates Department and Co-Chair Susan K. Dromsky-Reed for Private Wealth Law

B|E in the News - July 11, 2025

Big Beautiful Bill: What Estate-Planning Steps Make Sense Now?

Awards - July 10, 2025

Brach Eichler Named to NJBIZ's 2025 Best Places to Work List

[B|E in the News - July 9, 2025](#)

Big Beautiful Bill: What Estate-Planning Steps Make Sense Now?

[Alerts - May 21, 2025](#)

Susan K. Dromsky-Reed Named Chair, New Jersey State Bar Association, Real Property Trusts and Estate Law Section Board of Consultors

[Events - March 27, 2025](#)

Inheritance Tax Returns and Gift Tax Returns: CPE Seminar for Accountants - May 13, 2025

[Awards - March 20, 2025](#)

34 Attorneys from Brach Eichler Recognized for Inclusion in the 2025 "New Jersey Super Lawyers" list by Super Lawyers

[Awards - February 10, 2025](#)

Susan K. Dromsky-Reed Recognized on the "ROI Influencers Power List: 2025" for Leadership

[B|E in the News - February 5, 2025](#)

Susan Dromsky-Reed named in Assemblywoman Shavonda Sumter's Annual Women's Power List

[Events - December 20, 2024](#)

Brach Eichler and APALA present: Financial Planning for Lawyers
